



The Grapevine

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LOXLEY PARISHES

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Charlecote Village Hall Wall-Hanging



The Charlecote wall-hanging, which will be made from twenty five panels of scenes and relevant aspects of Charlecote village and Park, all worked wool on canvas by residents. The project is progressing very well and regular workshops are held so that the 'stitchers' can admire each other's work and sort out any problems. Since the project began in November, one member of the group, Maddie Thorpe, has married and another, Judith Harris, has given birth to beautiful twins. The photograph shows Jill Wilson with her work entitled 'The Gatehouse', and Erica Fairfax-Lucy, who is working on a panel displaying the Lucy Family Crest.

HH

Parking in Hampton Lucy

A reader has contacted The Grapevine, asking us to draw attention to a problem with parking in The Close and Bridge Street. They write: "Please remind drivers that the pavements are for walking on, not parking cars. There are often several cars parked wholly across the pavement in The Close, with the result that one has to walk in the road. Could we also respectfully ask residents of The Close to park on one side of the road only (the left hand side as you enter The Close), as recently cars have been parking on both sides, restricting access even for a small car. One wonders what would happen if an emergency vehicle needed access!" (Ed's note: *Perhaps the best approach would be for the residents to get together to sort it out amongst themselves*)

... and whilst we are in Hampton Lucy: There is an extraordinary amount of dog mess on the pavements and the verges. Dog walkers - please be more considerate! It's unpleasant, unhealthy and unnecessary.

AJW

A New Millennium Yew Tree!

In the year 2000, "millennium" yews were created from cuttings taken from yew trees which were a thousand years old. One was planted in the churchyard but it died. Now Fiona and Chris Aylett have given us a replacement tree. This tree is now thirteen years old so it is some seven feet tall

and very bushy. Admire it the next time you walk or drive past Charlecote Churchyard. Thank you Fiona and Chris. It will be a magnificent tree for the residents of Charlecote to enjoy at the next millennium!

SL



Wellesbourne Airfield Open Day

Wellesbourne Airfield will be open to visitors on Sunday, 5 May, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. You will be able to visit the flying clubs, with special trial lessons available, (*booking advised*), look around the restored Vulcan V-bomber, and see the hangars, fire vehicles, and control tower. The Touchdown Cafe will be serving their famous all-day breakfasts, hot meals, drinks and snacks with patio viewing for customers. A minibus will be available to shuttle around the airfield and between the various sites. Admission is free for all, so make it a date.

FS

The Hampton Lucy 'Knowledge and Nibbles' Quiz Evening

On Friday, 1 March, the Village Hall Management Committee hosted a 'Knowledge & Nibbles' quiz evening. It was a new venture for the hall committee, but proved to be very successful and lots of fun, raising £290 for village hall funds. The event was a sell-out and comprised eight rounds of questions with an interval during which tasty savoury food was served. 'The Hampton Quartet' team were the worthy winners. Watch out for the next quiz!

CG



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Dear Friends,

As I sit and write, it is March and impossible to imagine summer eventually coming! The current sub-zero temperatures and snow flurries are Arctic, the pond is frozen and the birds are fluffed up and feeding like mad to fend off the cold. There are signs of change - the occasional dazzling blue skies, spring flowers and buds, but the overall feeling is of having long forgotten last summer and not being able to quite believe the next one is coming!

That reminds me of Lent. My daughter and many of her friends have given up something for Lent. It was fine at the start, with none of the withdrawal symptoms they expected from chocolate and their other favourite snacks. The real struggle has come two weeks from the end, when they can hardly remember the taste of chocolate and the opportunity to taste it again still seems impossibly distant!

It can feel like that in other ways through Lent. It is a time of journeying through the Gospels - the accounts of Jesus' life - towards the cross and Good Friday. It can be heart-breakingly sad, particularly in the last week. It can seem, and must have seemed to the first Disciples, the end of everything they had hoped, lived and worked for. By Good Friday afternoon they are left alone in danger, sorrow and despair. It must have been impossible for them to imagine Easter Sunday in the darkness of Good Friday. But new life did come on Easter Morning - dazzling and irrepressible.

Jesus alive - unimaginable, impossible, but true.

To be light and life through our winters and summers.

To be light and life at our journey's end.

Happy Easter.

Cathy

Rev'd CD



News from the Parishes

A complete list of church services, including those at Barford, Wasperton and Sherbourne, is displayed on the notice board in your church.



The 3P Prayer Group

The 3P Prayer Group will meet on Thursdays, 4 April and 25 April, 7.30pm for 7.45pm, at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy, by their kind invitation.

NS

2013 Church Meetings - dates and venues:

Charlecote Annual Church Meeting, Monday, 15 April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. **Hampton Lucy Annual Church Meeting**, Thursday 18 April at 7.30 pm in the School. **Loxley Annual Church Meeting**, Monday 22 April at 7.30 pm in the School.

Rev'd DJ

Hampton Lucy Parish Council

The Parish Council met in the village hall on Wednesday, 13 March. The Council was addressed by Colin Pittam, West Midlands Ambulance Service, about the introduction of a defibrillator scheme in the village. The defibrillator would be supplied free of charge, leaving the Council to finance a 'green bag' kit for Community First Responders (CFRs). There is a CFR living close to the village and it is hoped others may offer their services for this important role. The 'green bag' would be transferred between the CFRs. More details will be supplied by WMAS for the Council's consideration. There are problems with the WCC Highway Spreadsheet and the Council is very concerned about the inordinate delay in rectifying the problem at the Packsaddle Junction. Charitable donations of £100 each were awarded to St Peter's Church and the Air Ambulance Service. Repeated call-outs to Severn Trent to clear the blocked foul water drain in Bridge Street appear to have finally sorted out the problem. The Village Hall Management Committee's annual financial report was read to the Council, and the committee was thanked for its tireless efforts in raising revenue. Derrick Clark was thanked for chain-harrowing the King George V playing field and he kindly offered to roll it when conditions allow. The minutes of the meeting are available from the Clerk by e-mail. Those not currently receiving the minutes but who would like to do so please contact michaelwoodman202@btinternet.com

MW

The next *Grapevine* will be the May edition. The copy deadline will be **Wednesday, 10 April**. It will be published on the village websites on 18 March, with printed copies delivered some time after 22 March.

AJW

There are no entries in the local parish records for this month.

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



By the time you read this article the clocks will have sprung forward and winter will have become spring. We would like to say a big "thank you" to everybody who bought tickets in the raffle for our Giant Easter Eggs which were located in many local venues. We really value your support. I'll announce how much was raised later and, if you were a lucky winner, I hope you enjoyed your prize! The Lions would also like to thank all the pubs, restaurants and businesses that kindly agreed to participate. We are often offered second-hand furniture items. Unfortunately, we are unable to store such items and reluctantly have to turn down the opportunity, but Shakespeare Hospice has a second-hand furniture store at Avenue Farm, Stratford. They would be pleased to accept good quality furniture and electrical items and are able to collect items free of charge from the local area. The shop is open from Tuesdays to Saturdays from 9.00am to 5.00pm and they can be contacted on 01789 205333. Happy Easter to you all from the Wellesbourne & District Lions.

AS

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



At the March Meeting 'The County of Warwickshire' was the title of the talk given by Rob Eyre, an archivist from the County Records Office. The archive is a collection of preserved items relating to the County, ranging from minutes, judicial papers (quarterly papers from the courts), letters, documents, papers and photographs. The oldest recorded document is dated 1179, relating to a conveyance between the diocese and Henry, Earl of Warwick, for living quarters for the priest at Compton Verney. Founded in 1933, the Record Office occupies the site of a 12th Century priory in Warwick. Everything is meticulously filed with an on-line database available for public use. There is also 'Windows on Warwickshire', an extensive collection of photographs available for public viewing. The conservation department restores old and damaged documents and the huge collection of maps includes tithe maps of the 1840's. Parish records go back to 1684, with a church warden's report of smallpox deaths in Shipston on Stour. There is also a document from Hampton Lucy, dated 1730, about a mad dog biting a parishioner with a complete description of the remedy for the injury. The registrars are always happy to receive further historic material, such as a find in a Leamington cellar of a collection of glass plated negatives from a late Victorian portrait photographer. It was a fascinating evening enjoyed by a very full room of members. Our next meeting will be for our 94th Birthday Celebrations, with birthday cake, coffee, and a talk on Reflexology by Marianne Wright. It will be in Hampton Lucy Village Hall on Wednesday, 10 April at 7.30pm.

KCI

The Lucy Lads - It's a High Pressure World Out There!



Can we fix it? - Yes we can! Lucy Lads mean business.

For their March meeting, the Lucy Lads travelled to rural South East Warwickshire to visit the Churchover National Grid gas compressor station. A senior manager described how National Grid owns over 1800km of high pressure gas pipelines which carry the UK's gas supplies from the terminals, where the gas is piped in from the North Sea or from large ocean-going bulk tankers, to all parts of the UK mainland. He explained that the company is contracted to deliver gas throughout the system and faces heavy penalties if it can't provide the capacity to do so. As the demand for gas increases in the UK, National Grid is spending huge sums maintaining the existing network and building new pipelines. Compressor stations are located at intervals along the pipelines, increasing the pressure of the gas as high as ninety atmospheres to maintain the flow at times of high demand. The Lads were fascinated by an excellent explanation of how aero-jet engines are used to power gas turbines, which in turn drive the large gas compressors. These are now being replaced by modern non-aero gas turbines or electric motors to reduce harmful emissions. After a light lunch, kindly provided by our hosts, we had a tour around the station, getting up close and personal to the original gas turbines, which are now used infrequently, and their modern replacements with their state of the art control room. For one of the Lads this was a very nostalgic visit as his first job when he joined the gas industry in 1975 was to manage three compressor stations in the Midlands, including that at Churchover. Our visit closed with a rousing round of applause for our hosts, who had made our visit both interesting and informative.

CS

Loxley WI



On Thursday, 14 March, Marianne Wright, (now Mrs Griffiths), gave an interesting talk on reflexology, demonstrating her technique on a lucky lady who found the experience wonderfully relaxing. The theory is that the health of the body is mirrored in the feet, and manipulation of joints and points on the feet relating to the different organs and systems of the body can have beneficial effects - improving circulation, relieving tension, smoothing imbalances and freeing nerve endings from the build up of tiny crystals. An Egyptian picture reveals that foot manipulation was known 5000 years ago. It was a Eunice Ingham who first brought it to the fore in the 20th Century. Reflexology does not diagnose, prescribe, or treat, specific conditions, and can work alongside medical treatments. Sceptics may abound, but so many people have been helped by Reflexology, often as a last resort. We came home promising ourselves a therapeutic session. Our next meeting is on Thursday, 11 April, in Loxley School, at 7.30 pm when Lesley Head will talk on "The Experiences of a Tour Guide"

MC

Charlecote Park



Charlecote House is now well on the way to looking like its old self, following major re-wiring work. Staff have worked very hard in the cold winter months, moving, checking, storing and repositioning many historic items. Improvements are being made to the way many are displayed; some not previously shown can now be viewed. Outside, major work is continuing on the ha-ha. Easter activities at the end of March are planned to include an Easter egg trail, and everyone is hoping for fine weather. Look out for the Free Entry Weekend on April 13 and 14. April. Vouchers will be available in the press or can be downloaded from the National Trust website. Advance notice: A 'Food and Flora' event will be held on 17 May, starting at 7.00pm with a garden tour followed by a special three course meal in the restaurant. Booking is

essential. Charlecote offers many possibilities to photographers and a half-day event on 5 May, (£20), or a full day on 29 May, (£40), will help make the best of the opportunities. On 29 May there is also a special "Young Shoots" full day for the 8-13 year old 'David Baileys', (£40). All must be booked in advance. For further information please see the website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecote or call Charlecote Park on 01789 470277.

SF

Parish Clerk Required!

Having served as Chairman of the Parish Council for twelve years, Michael Woodman then generously stepped into the breach and took on the role of Parish Clerk when the vacancy arose nearly two years ago. He will be finally retiring in November and the Parish Council needs someone to take over. The role is crucial to the functioning and even to the existence of the Parish Council. Basic computing skills, including the use of Word and Excel, are essential, along with a willingness to become involved in the ongoing administration of the Parish Council and the village community. We have been very fortunate as a village, over the past 15 years or so, to have had Parish Clerks who have given exemplary service. The routine tasks can be covered in just a few hours per week and, as long as the essentials are completed, the option to get more involved remains up to the individual concerned. The post receives a small salary and expenses, along with the satisfaction of helping the village to retain an independent Parish Council, not controlled by Stratford District Council and able to respond to the needs of the village and the local community. Please, do give this serious thought. For further details and advice, have a chat with Michael on 841205, or Sue Main, Chair of Hampton Lucy Parish Council on 292316.

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AJW

One For The Family Album



Sisters Isabella and Amelia with their posies

Friday, 8 March, was a busy day at Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery. Not only did the children celebrate World Book Day by dressing as their favourite fictional characters but they also had an opportunity to create a posy of flowers for Mother's Day. The Friends of the School worked with the children to put their 'nosegays' together, hand-tied with ribbon, and finished with pretty tags on which the children could write their message to mum, grandma or aunty.

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Hampton Lucy Ladies Coffee and Cakes

Meet in The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy,
Tuesday, 2nd April at 10.30am.

"The Lucy Lads"

will meet in The Boar's Head,
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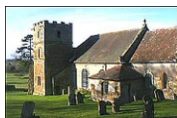
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Church Services

April - 2013

7 April

The Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW

14 April

The Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

21 April

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	

28 April

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

For your diary - April 2013

- Mon 1 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm, **Notice Board**
 Tues 2 **Ladies' Coffee and Cakes**, The Boar's Head 10.30am. **Notice Board.**
 Tues 2 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
 Wed 3 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
 Thur 4 **The Lucy Lads**, meet in The Boar's Head, 11.30am, **Notice Board.**
 Thur 4 **3P Prayer Group**, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's home, 7.30pm for 7.45pm
 Sun 7 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm, **Notice Board**
 Mon 8 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3.**
 Tues 9 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, **(visit website).**
 Tues 9 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
 Wed 10 **Copy deadline for the May edition of The Grapevine.**
 Wed 10 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
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 Thur 11 **Loxley WI**, Loxley School, 7.30pm, **page 3.**
 w/e 13/14 **Charlecote Park 'Free Entry Weekend'**, **page 4.**
 Tues 16 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
 Wed 17 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
 Sun 21 **SHN 'Walk, Jog or Run'**, Walton Hall, 10.30am, **Notice Board**
 Mon 22 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm. **page 3.**
 Tues 23 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
 Wed 24 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
 Thur 25 **3P Prayer Group**, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's home, 7.30pm for 7.45pm
 Sun 28 **Charlecote 'Mills Experience Weekend'**, details: www.charlecotemill.co.uk.
May
 Thur 2 **Lucy Lads visit Jaguar Cars**, Castle Bromwich, details TBA. Tel: 470911.
 Sun 5 **Wellesbourne Airfield Open Day**, see **page 1** and **Notice Board.**
 Sat 11 **Hampton Lucy Annual Village Plant Sale**, HL Village Hall, details TBA.
June
 Sat 23 **Lions Club Charity Raft Race**, visit www.rafrace.org.uk for details.

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